

# ACE Plus Scholarship Program

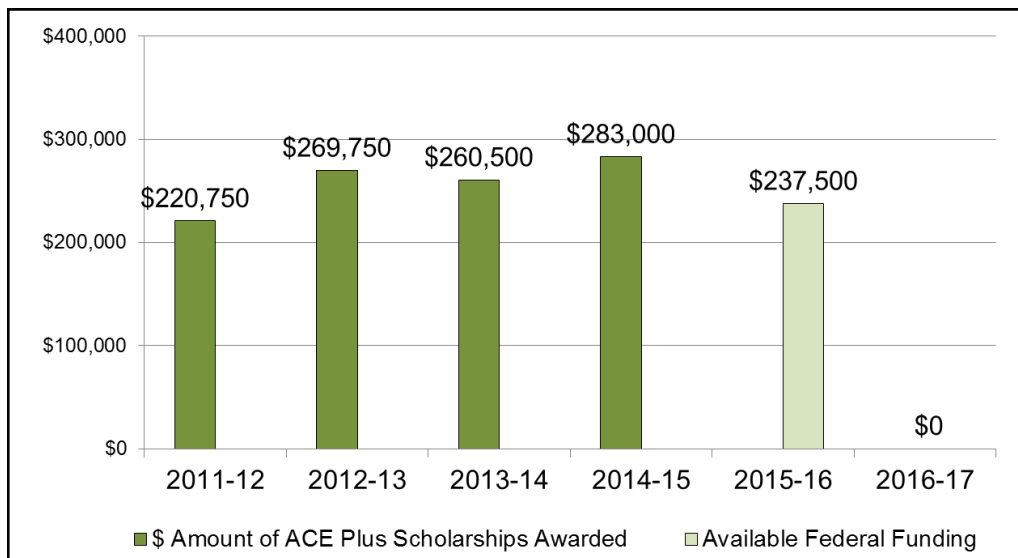
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## Overview

The Access College Early (ACE) Plus scholarship program provides need-based financial aid to first- and second-year college students who were ACE scholarship recipients in high school. Students are eligible to receive \$500 their first year, \$1,000 their second year. The Commission created the program through funding from the federal College Access Challenge Grant (CACG), which aims to increase the number

## Potential impact of LB 102

The federal dollars that fund the ACE Plus program are being eliminated after the 2015-16 academic year — meaning the program would be eliminated. LB 102, introduced by Sen. Sullivan, would add the ACE Plus program to current statutes. The Commission has requested that State appropriations now fund the program,



## Funding

The ACE Plus program is entirely funded through federal funds from the CACG grant. Recent funding has been slightly reduced due to sequestration effects. Federal funding is set to expire after academic year 2015-2016.

## Proven Success

ACE Plus recipients—college students who received an ACE scholarship in high school—continue on to college with great success. When ACE Plus students finished their first year of college, 80 percent of them earned at least a 3.0 GPA during the 2013-14 academic year, with 51 percent earning grades in the GPA range of 3.5-4.0.

